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## **PUBLIC SAFETY TO BE IMPROVED FOR CHEHALIS TRIBE WITH NEW FACILITY**

Oakville—The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Development has set aside \$1,540,000 in loan funding for the construction of a new public safety facility for the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation. The proposed facility will maximize safety and security by placing law enforcement, corrections and judicial functions under one roof.

The funds will be used to construct a new 12,400 square foot facility that will house law enforcement, corrections, and judicial functions of the Tribe. This will maximize safety, efficiency, security and privacy for all. The existing facility does not have enough space to house all prisoners, and the court is located in space also occupied by the Planning, Administrative, and Finance Departments. USDA Rural Development funds are being leveraged with an applicant cash contribution of \$553,530, in-kind contributions of \$76,258, Bureau of Indian Affairs contribution of \$50,000, Administration for Native Americans Grant of \$236,475, and a Department of Justice Cops Grant of \$88,500.

"USDA Rural Development is proud to be working with the Chehalis Tribe and our federal partners to provide funding for this project to increase efficiency and safety for tribal members," said Jackie J. Gleason, Washington State Director for Rural Development.

Funds are provided from the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Program. USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting Washington State USDA Rural Development's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov.wa>. #